



DECISION MEMO CAMP LAMOILLE REBUILD PROJECT U.S. FOREST SERVICE MOUNTAIN CITY, RUBY MOUNTAINS, JARBIDGE RANGER DISTRICT ELKO COUNTY, NEVADA

BACKGROUND

Camp Lamoille (Boy Scout Camp) has been an organizational Camp since the 1930's. The current owner/operator is the Elko Lions Club.

In September of 2018 the Range 2 Fire burned into Lamoille Canyon and burned through the camp. The lodge and 6 A-frame cabins were destroyed.

Following the fire, the Elko Lions Club submitted a proposal to rebuild the camp so it could continue operations.

The purpose and need for this project is to bring Camp Lamoille to an operational condition like what existed prior to the Range 2 Fire.

The proposed action includes:

- Reconstruct the destroyed lodge in an adjacent location using a new design (with associated utility infrastructure such as plumbing and electrical).
- Repurpose the existing lodge foundation and chimney as an outdoor pavilion.
- Level and construct a new parking area
- Build up to 8 new RV spots.
- Replanting of burned vegetation on the site
- Replacing 6 burned A-frames with prefabricated buildings in the previous locations.
- Maintenance and repair of the access road into the camp within the existing footprint.
- Placing non-flammable materials such as rock or gravel around structures to provide a defensible space
- Replacement and repair the plumbing and electrical utilities to existing structures as well as installation of utilities to new infrastructure.
- Create and maintain fire breaks on the West-side of the camp (Approximately 10-20 feet wide).

DECISION

I have decided to authorize construction to rebuild Camp Lamoille as described above.

The following mitigation will be included in permits and plans:

- 20 ft. set back from the stream terrace edge for new trailer pads
- Weed mitigation/treatment plan
- Plan review by engineering prior to construction
- Paint schemes will be compatible with surrounding landscape





 A pre-construction field visit will be mandatory followed by completion of the implementation checklist and a notice to proceed prior to construction

This action is categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental impact statement (EIS) or an environmental assessment (EA). Approval, modification, or continuation of minor special uses of NFS lands that require less than five contiguous acres of land" (36 CFR 220.6(e) 3).

I find that there are no extraordinary circumstances that would warrant further analysis and documentation in an EA or EIS. I considered resource conditions identified in agency procedures that should be considered in determining whether extraordinary circumstances might exist:

- A. Federally listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat, species proposed for Federal listing or proposed critical habitat, or Forest Service sensitive species No species present. No impact or effect.
- B. Flood plains, wetlands, or municipal watersheds
 - Flood plains no impact
 - Wetlands no impact
 - Municipal watersheds no impact
- C. Congressionally designated areas such as wilderness, wilderness study areas, or national recreation areas The Ruby Mountains Wilderness is approximately ½ mile away from the camp. Indirect effects such as noise, and nighttime lighting would be extremely minimal given the separation and small footprint of the camp.
- D. Inventoried roadless areas or potential wilderness areas None, no affect.
- E. **Research natural areas** There are no RNAs near the project area.
- F. American Indians and Alaska Native religious or cultural sites There are no known Traditional Cultural Properties or Sacred Sites within the project boundary.
- G. **Archaeological sites, or historic properties or areas** Cultural resource surveys have been completed for this site. There will be no adverse effects to historic properties. Consultation with the Nevada SHPO is ongoing, and no ground disturbing work will occur prior to Section 106 Consultation being completed, and SHPO concurrence.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

This action was originally listed as a proposal on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Schedule of Proposed Actions and updated periodically during the analysis. A scoping letter was mailed to interested parties in April of 2019. No concerns were raised by interested parties.

TRIBAL INVOLVEMENT

Consultation Letters were mailed to Temoak Tribe and its four Bands in October of 2020. No concerns were raised by the local tribes.





FINDINGS REQUIRED BY OTHER LAWS AND REGULATIONS

This decision is consistent with the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Land Management Plan.

This project complies with all laws and Executive Orders affecting National Forest management, including the following:

- National Forest Management Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Clean Air Act
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- National Clean Water Act, as amended
- National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 800-the Section 106 Process.
- FSM Supplement to Chapter 2080- Noxious Weeds Management.

There will be no adverse effects on health, human safety, consumers, minorities, civil rights, American Indian rights, or women.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW (APPEAL) OPPORTUNITIES

This decision is not subject to administrative review.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

Implementation can begin following the signing of this decision memo, and implementation is subject to approval of the new permit and operating plan.

CONTACT

For additional information concerning this decision, contact: Wendy Markham at wendy.markham@usda.gov or 775-304-6016.

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Josh Nicholes Date
District Ranger

Mountain City, Ruby Mountains, Jarbidge Ranger District





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